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**Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 15 March 2022**

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Jason Linnane  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

**MM1/22. March 2022 Flood Event - Waste Management Support for Flood Affected Residents & Businesses in the Singleton LGA** FILE: 21/00343  
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Notification has been received that the recent flooding event has resulted in the Singleton Local Government Area (LGA) being declared a natural disaster area under the Australian Government Reference Number - AGRN 1012 Natural Disaster Declaration.

As a result of the declaration, it is expected that the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) will provide Council with an exemption for the NSW Waste Levy to support the management of waste brought about by the disaster event. A levy exemption would mean that Council will not have to pay the waste levy for any material generated and collected from the event.

To assist those most affected by the event I'm seeking Council's support to waive all waste management fees for eligible waste materials brought to Council's Waste Management Facility, to assist residents and businesses with clean up post the event.

In addition to the waving of fees for self-hauled flood waste, other possible options such as the provision of localised skip bins to residents, or an additional kerbside service for small volumes of waste could be provided for those that do not have the ability to self-haul. I seek Council's support to offer these services for a limited time to further assist affected people across our LGA.

It is recognised that each situation will need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis to ensure the most appropriate option is chosen for the circumstances and as such I'm also seeking Council's support to delegate authority to the General Manager to implement appropriate measures as deemed necessary to assist our community at this time.

**RECOMMEND** that:

1. Council waives the fees associated with the disposal of waste generated by the recent flooding event to assist affected residents and businesses in the Singleton LGA.
2. The General Manager investigates options for waste removal for residents that do not have the means to self-haul their flood waste to Council's Waste Management Facility.
3. Council delegates authority to the General Manager to implement measures as deemed appropriate to assist affected residents with waste management created from the flooding event.
4. Council notifies affected residents advising them of the opportunity and options available to dispose of eligible waste at no cost.

### **Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

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